

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD  
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 17, 2009

Members Present: Hughes, Macdonald, Lawrence, Gadsden, Greene, Castell, Groppa  
Staff Present: Keating

1. Adoption of 2010 Meeting Schedule.

The schedule was adopted.

2. ARB #28-2009

Nicholas Roberts Fine Wines, 1053 Boston Post Rd., CBD Zone  
Proposing an awning and a blade sign.

Nicholas Troilo proposed an awning the same as Erika K – black awning with orange valence having black shadowed letters, subscript “fine wines” in white. A blade sign was proposed from Nantucket Woodcarving, with black incised lettering and white outline, raised, carved, wine glass in black, orange background, PMS 158. The letters will be no bigger than 8 inches. The blade sign will be mounted on the corner of the building with a scrolled black iron bracket. Approved.

3. ARB #29-2009

205 Post Rd. Development Partners, 205 Post Rd., SB-E Zone  
Proposing two wall signs, one pole sign and a façade change for a new restaurant.

Attorney Wilder Gleason and owners Thomas Toetke and Gertrude Allen described their plan for Palm Ventures, a small healthy fast food restaurant. It will have no customer seating and will have drive thru service only. A new walkway, HVAC compressor and generator are proposed on the Richmond Drive side of the building. Additional screening and buffering will be provided and a new fence is proposed along the residential property line. A dumpster with grey screening is proposed to abut the building in one of the current parking spaces. The ARB preferred a different location, away from the building. The owner will investigate. Two signs are proposed in copper, with tea brown letters, goose neck lights. A variance is needed for third sign, a pole sign, which is proposed for 13 ½ feet from the curb instead of 30 feet required. The pole sign is proposed to have back channel lighting, darker green outline of letter, with cedar green on the sign. The building will be acadia green with china white trim, fence and order box, and a grey roof. No action taken.

4. ARB #30-2009

Whole Foods Market, 150-152 Ledge Rd., SB Zone  
Proposing three wall signs and a pole sign. Approval of outdoor furniture.

Attorney Wilder Gleason and Mark Mobley proposed three non conforming wall signs, one over the main entrance having 21 inch letters, with a 33 inch logo and 26 feet wide at

a height of 16 feet (15 allowed). The second to be located in the gable on the south elevation facing Ledge Rd. with 26.5 inch letters, the third on the gable of the southwest corner, also 26.5 inch letters and 61 square feet in area (43.33 allowed). The height off the ground of 28 feet needs a variance as well. Internal illumination using channel letters, extending approximately 5 inches from the wall, was proposed for all three. The ARB needs to see a larger site map with photos of the sample signs illuminated at night. The applicants proposed a 27 foot high, with 52 square foot area, internally illuminated pole sign, which the ARB requested be rethought. The proposed outdoor black wire table and chairs were approved, as was the proposed fish weathervane.

5. ARB #25-2009

Baywater, 17 Old King's Highway South, OB Zone  
Proposing revisions to a new building.

David Genovese and Penny Glassmeyer, owners, and Jay Velaid, architect from Mark Findlay, described needed revisions to the proposed new building in order to meet with the terms of a neighbor's parking agreement. The front width of the building will be reduced to 25 feet. The ARB preferred the new design and gave its approval.

6. Discussion of Noroton Heights Train Station lights.

Fred Mascia, Tighe and Bond Consulting Engineers, explained the need for two different fixtures to enhance the lighting at Noroton Heights train station. From the western entrance to the middle exit, they propose the Lumec Candella Series on sixteen foot tall poles. From the middle exit to the eastern exit they propose a Gardco on 25 foot poles, the same as the Post 53 lot. The change in heights and lamps is related to existing conditions. The ARB requested a light that is not a bright white, and preferred a box type fixture throughout the parking lot, rather than 2 different types of fixtures.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Groppa